

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as set forth below:

1. (Currently Amended) A landscaping channel liner apparatus comprising:
 - a longitudinally-extending trough having a longitudinally-extending floor located between opposed longitudinally-extending sidewalls extending therefrom, and having first and second opposed transverse open ends formed from the floor and sidewalls;
 - wherein each of the sidewalls defines a longitudinally-extending edge located opposite the longitudinally-extending floor;
 - a longitudinally-extending tubular receptacle that is located on each longitudinally-extending edge, wherein the edge is located between the receptacle and sidewall, and each receptacle having first and second transverse open ends openings having a cylindrical cross-section;
 - ~~wherein each of the longitudinally-extending sidewalls and floor extend longitudinally beyond the first transverse open end of each of the longitudinally-extending receptacles;~~
 - wherein the second transverse opening of each receptacle extends to the transverse open end formed from the floor and sidewalls, and the first transverse opening of each receptacle terminates short of the first transverse open end formed from the floor and sidewalls, such that a portion of the edge extends between the first transverse opening and the first transverse open end;
 - wherein a portion of the floor and sidewalls located adjacent the first transverse open end is configured to overlap a portion of the floor and sidewalls located adjacent the second transverse open end of another channel liner apparatus;

wherein the first transverse ~~open-end~~opening of one of the longitudinally-extending ~~receptacle faces~~receptacles is configured to face the second transverse ~~open-end~~opening of another longitudinally-extending receptacle; and

wherein the first transverse ~~open-end~~opening of one of the longitudinally-extending ~~receptacle~~receptacles ~~mates~~ is connectable with the second transverse ~~open-end~~opening of ~~the other~~ another longitudinally-extending receptacle~~[[,]]~~ and ~~the longitudinally-extending receptacles are essentially flush with each other.~~

2. (Cancel)

3. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner ~~apparatus~~ of Claim 1, further comprising a connector having a first portion that ~~first and second connectors, wherein the first connector~~ is configured to be partially fitted in the first transverse ~~open-end~~opening of the first longitudinally-extending receptacle, and having a second portion ~~wherein the second connector that~~ is configured to be partially fitted in ~~the other of the~~another longitudinally-extending ~~receptacles~~receptacle through its first transverse ~~open-end~~opening.

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6. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner ~~apparatus~~ of Claim 4, further comprising spikes that extend from at least one of the sidewalls.

7. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner ~~apparatus~~ of Claim 3, wherein the connector's ~~first and second connector's~~ interference ~~fit~~fits in ~~their respective~~the longitudinally-extending receptacles.

8. (Currently Amended) A landscaping channel liner ~~apparatus~~-comprising:

a longitudinally-extending trough having a longitudinally-extending floor located between opposed longitudinally-extending sidewalls extending therefrom, and having first and second opposed transverse open ends formed from the floor and sidewalls;

wherein the longitudinally extending floor is configured to be supported, by ground in a channel, along its length;

wherein each of the sidewalls defines a longitudinally-extending edge located opposite the longitudinally-extending floor;

a longitudinally extending receptacle located on each of the longitudinally-extending edges;

wherein the longitudinally extending receptacle terminates prior to termination of the longitudinally extending edge;

a connector engaged with the receptacle, extending therefrom and located over, and spaced apart from and positioned substantially parallel to the longitudinally-extending edge; and

~~a selectively removable portion configured to receive a post.~~

a panel section on the longitudinally extending floor identifiable by a plurality of seams that is selectively removable from the floor;

wherein when the panel section is removed is the resulting opening in the floor is configured to receive a fence post which extends through the opening.

9. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner ~~apparatus~~ of Claim 8, wherein a receptacle from a second landscaping channel liner ~~apparatus~~ engages the connector by fitting between the longitudinally-extending edge and the connector.

10. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner ~~apparatus~~ of Claim 8, wherein the floor of a second landscaping channel liner ~~apparatus~~ overlaps a portion of the floor of the landscaping channel liner apparatus.

11. (Cancel)

12. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the seam of the panel section is removable portions are perforated segments.

13. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the connector interference fits in the receptacle.

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15. (Cancel)

16. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the ~~selectively removable portion is~~ panel section includes a plurality of selectively removable portions interior panel sections each of which is selectively removable from the floor.

17. (Cancel)

18. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim ~~[[16]]~~8, wherein the ~~plurality of selectively removable portions share a common perforated seam~~ panel section includes a plurality of interior panel sections each defined by a plurality of seams; wherein the seams make the interior panel sections quadrilaterally shaped; and wherein a longitudinally extending seam portion from a seam from each interior panel section forms a coincident seam with one of the seams from the panel section.

19. (Currently Amended) The landscaping channel liner apparatus of Claim ~~[[8]]~~18, wherein the ~~selectively removable portion~~ longitudinally-extending floor comprises a seam extending from the first transverse open end to the coincident seam ~~therefrom to the periphery of the longitudinally extending floor.~~